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LAWRENCE WOMAN SENTENCED FOR COCAINE DISTRIBUTION

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Drug Enforcement Administration Resident Agent in Charge Leo Ducey, and Portsmouth Police Chief Michael Magnant, announced that Rosa M. Marquez, age 23, of Lawrence, Massachusetts was sentenced today in U.S. District Court in connection with the distribution of 55 grams of crack cocaine in Portsmouth, New Hampshire in May 2002.

Marquez received a sentence of 70 months in prison and three years probation during a hearing before Chief U. S. District Judge Paul J. Barbadoro. She had previously admitted her guilt to a two count indictment on July 1, 2003.

U.S. Attorney Tom Colantuono stated, "The prosecution of this case and others like it, represents the continuing efforts of local and federal law enforcement, working jointly with the United States Attorney's Office, to eradicate cocaine from the streets of New Hampshire."

The successful prosecution of this case resulted from the collaborative efforts of the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Portsmouth Police Department. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert J. Veiga.